

Appl. No. 10/719,356  
Amdt. dated January 5, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of Oct. 5, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 1-24 and further indicating the allowability of claims 33-36 and 40-43 if rewritten in independent form. The amendments submitted herewith place these claims in proper condition for allowance. Applicant reserves the right to continue prosecution of the rejected claims in a continuation application without prejudice or disclaimer.

Objections to the Claims

2. The Examiner objected to claims 33-36 and 40-43 as being dependent on rejected base claims, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claims 33, 36, 40 and 43 to be in independent form. Claims 34 and 35 depend from claim 33 and claims 41 and 42 depend from claim 40. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to claims 33-36 and 40-43, and pass said claims to allowance.

Objections to the Drawings

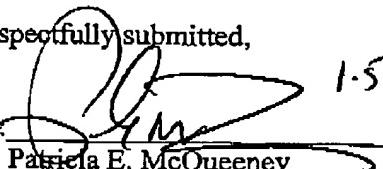
3. In the Office Action dated April 18, 2005, the Examiner objected to the drawings. A response to the objection was provided in the Amendment dated July 20, 2005. On the Office Action Summary form (PTOL-326) and in the Detailed Action itself, the Examiner has not indicated whether the objection has been maintained and/or whether the drawings are accepted. Clarification is respectfully requested.

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4. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone, facsimile or email if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the prosecution of the instant application. Please charge any necessary fees associated herewith, including extension of time fees (if applicable and not paid by separate check), to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1111.

Respectfully submitted,

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